

Application No. 10/612,517

a. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (Currently amended). A composition for the treatment of hair, comprising:

- (a) from about 5 to about 30 weight % of at least one aromatic essential oil;
- (b) from about 20 to about 80 weight % of petroleum jelly;
- (c) from about 2 to about 20 weight % of lecithin; and
- (d) from about 5 to about 40 weight % of water;

wherein the ratio of aromatic essential oil and water: petroleum jelly is between about 1:10 and about 1:1; and wherein the essential oil is not almond oil.

2 (Currently amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 1, wherein the essential oil is jojoba oil, and the composition does not comprise silicone or a surfactant.

3 (Currently amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ratio of the ~~petroleum jelly to the essential oil mixture~~ and water to petroleum jelly is about 1:2 to about 1:4.

4 (Currently amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 3, wherein the essential oil is grape seed oil and the composition does not comprise a surfactant.

5 (Previously amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 3, wherein the essential oil is teatree oil.

6 (Currently amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 3, ~~wherein the essential oil is almond oil 1, further comprising from about 2 to about 30 weight % of aloe vera gel.~~

7 (Previously amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 3, further comprising from about .02 to about 0.5 milliliters of basil oil.

8 (Previously amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 3, further comprising from about .02 to about 1 milliliter of clary sage oil.

9 (Previously amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 3, further comprising from about .02 to about 1 milliliter of lavender oil.

10 (Previously amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 1, further comprising from about .02 to about 1 milliliter of peppermint oil or peppermint herbal infusion.

11 (Previously amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 4, further comprising from about .02 to about 1 milliliter of rosemary oil.

12 (Previously amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 11, further comprising from about .02 to about 1 milliliter of thyme oil.

13 (Previously amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 3, further comprising from about 2 to about 20 weight % of apple cider vinegar.

14 (Currently amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim [[3]] 4, further comprising from about 0.5 to about 5 weight % of citric acid.

15 (Currently amended). The hair treatment composition according to Claim 14, further comprising from about 0.5 to about 10 weight % of virgin olive oil.

16 (Withdrawn). A process of making a viscous hair treatment composition, comprising:

- (a) boiling a mixture of from about 2 to about 20 weight % of at least one aromatic essential oil, and from about 80 to about 98 weight % of water;
- (b) allowing the aromatic oil/water mixture to cool to room temperature;
- (c) beating together from about 20 to about 80 weight % of petroleum jelly, and from about 5 to about 40 weight % of the essential oil/water mixture in a ratio of between about 1:10 and about 1:1;
- (d) beating into the mixture from about 2 to about 20 weight % of lecithin; and
- (e) beating into the mixture from about 2 to about 20 weight % of at least one aromatic essential oil.

17 (Withdrawn). A process according to Claim 16, wherein the ratio of the petroleum jelly to the essential oil mixture is between about 1:1 and about 1:5.

18 (Withdrawn). A process according to Claim 16, further comprising the step of: (f) beating into the whipped mixture from about 2 to about 20 weight % of apple cider vinegar.

19 (Withdrawn). A process according to Claim 18, further comprising the step of: (g) beating into the whipped mixture from about 2 to about 20 weight % of at least one additional aromatic essential oil.

20 (Withdrawn). A process according to Claim 18, wherein the essential oil is jojoba oil.